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BY THE NUMBERS

Shelters a 'Band-Aid' solution

New data from the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa indicates that families are becoming dependent on emergency shelters, with total use increasing by 25 per cent over the last two years, forcing the city to move families into off-site motels. **RYAN TUMILTY** METRO

The number of families in Ottawa's shelters jumped nearly 25 per cent in a two-year period, leading to the city doling out an average of $40,000 a night to house families in motels.

The troubling numbers are contained in a report set to be released Tuesday from the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa. The report also reveals that, while fewer youth were coming to shelters last year, they stayed longer: an average of 47 days in 2016, up from 32 days in 2015.

Women over 50 were also coming to shelters more, with a 20 per cent jump from 2015 to 2016.

Overall, the number of people going to all types of shelters across the city grew, with 7,170 people using shelters for at least one night in 2016, up 355 people from 2015.

Mike Bulthuis, the alliance's executive director, said the results are disappointing.

"We had thought we might have seen a bit of progress on some of the key numbers," he said.

The one number trending down is single men who stayed in shelters for shorter time frames, as more were finding supportive housing.

Bulthuis said the money being spent on motels is really troubling, because it could be going to more permanent fixes.

"It's uncomfortable knowing that kind of money is being spent on a temporary solution or a Band-Aid," he said. "How many housing supplements could you create? How many new units could you build?"

The Pinecrest Community Health Centre runs a program for families living in shelters. The centre's CEO Wanda MacDonald, said the motels are not ideal, because there isn't the same support mechanisms.

She said they run a program for kids at the Carling Family Shelter, that can give parents a break, but that isn't possible in motels.

"It gives the parent or parents an opportunity for a little bit of respite, well if you're in a motel or hotel you're not going to get that support."

She said it shows there really needs to be more support for families.

"There isn't the affordable housing stock that is needed to be able to meet the needs."

> **It's uncomfortable knowing that kind of money is being spent on a temporary solution.**
> Mike Bulthuis

878

Number of families who accessed emergency shelters in 2016, up 12.5 per cent from 781 families in 2015 and 24.5 per cent from 2014 (706 families).

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Housing families in off-site motels costs the city nearly $40,000 per night — approximately $1 million per month.

Because the shelters are full, last year on average 347 families were placed in off-site motels.

347

POLICE

Man faces 2 counts of first-degree murder

Alexandra Abdelwahab
Metro | Ottawa

A Quebec man is facing two counts of first-degree murder, after two females were found dead at a home in Notre-Dame-du-Laus, Qué.

The man, David Lepage, 60, walked into the Gatineau Headquarters of the Sûreté de Québec early Monday morning and admitted to killing two people, Sgt. Marc Tessier said.

He then gave police the address of a home on Val Ombreuse Road, in Notre-Dame-du-Laus, Qué.

Police went to the home shortly before 3 a.m. and found the bodies inside.

The victims have been identified as the man's partner, Priscilla Lee Bond, 33, and their daughter, Gabrielle Lepage, 15.

Sgt. Tessier confirmed the accused and the victims were part of the same family, but could not say whether Lee Bond and Lepage were together at the time of their murders.

Meanwhile, police at the scene confirmed that while responding to the call, they shot and killed two dogs that were guarding the house.

Police said the urgency of the call made it necessary for responding officers to put down the dogs to get inside the house.

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AGRICULTURE

Farmer posts Kijiji ad for free farm to a 'hard worker'

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The ad begins "Hard Working Job Without Pay. Only a sense of meaning."

It goes on to explain that the hard-working job is actually occupying and managing a hobby farm near Smiths Falls, Ont., about 70 kilometres outside of Ottawa.

The historic waterfront farm's eventual occupant would have access to four barns, a paved driveway, equipment, a vehicle, animals and even training to manage it, the ad says.

The best part, the ad's author's says, is that he's making it available "absolutely free of charge" to someone willing to take on "hard work and total commitment to making use of the property and showing a genuine interest in animal welfare."

> By selling the farm, first I'd have to dispose of the animals. And a number of them are older, and a few are special needs.
> Stephen Overbury

The ad makes it clear that total commitment means "an understanding that you must be around the property for part of each day forever type of thing."

It also states that applicants must love and respect all animals, including mice, rats, rabbits, coyotes, skunks, snakes, etc. "Here, no animal is killed."

In an interview with CBC News, owner Stephen Overbury said he will be moving to Japan, and decided to give the farm away instead of selling it, because he wants someone who will care for his animals.

"By selling the farm, first I'd have to dispose of the animals. And a number of them are older, and a few are special needs. And that's what I call reckless abandonment," he told them.

Overbury said he has received hundreds of applications and is carefully reviewing them to find the right steward for his property.

As of Monday afternoon, his ad has been viewed more than 100,000 times.

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Help our mayor with NHL wagers

Interesting wagers considered. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson asked his Twitter followers for ideas for a playoff bet with Boston's mayor Monday morning, saying he was "open to really creative ideas."

The Ottawa Senators are playing the Boston Bruins in the first round of the NHL playoffs, beginning Wednesday.

Watson's followers chimed in with a variety of suggestions. Coun. Tim Tierney suggested the losing team's mayor get their opponent's logo tattooed. Another Twitter user said the winner should get Zdeno Chara, a former Senator now playing for the Bruins.

Another suggested the losing team's mayor sponsor a youth minor hockey team in the winning team's city.

Watson reliably observes the tradition of friendly mayoral playoff wagers. In 2015, when the Senators played the Montreal Canadiens, Watson bet beavertails for smoked meat with Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre. After the Ottawa Redblacks won the Grey Cup earlier this year, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi wore a Redblacks jersey to a Calgary city council meeting and recited a poem selected by Watson.

Playoff festivities kick off Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Watson will raise the Senators flag and open Sens Mile at the Elgin St. entrance of City Hall.

TAMAR HARRIS/FOR METRO OTTAWA

VANIER SUSPECTED ARSON

Ottawa Fire services were busy with three early-morning fires in Vanier now being investigated by the Ottawa Police arson unit.

The first call came in just after midnight, with reports of flames and smoke coming out of a house at 253 Deschamps Ave. It was upgraded to a two-alarm fire.

The second fire was called in around 1 a.m., with five people displaced at 209 Ste Anne St. One person was rescued from the second floor of the building.

Finally, at 3:30 a.m., firefighters received a call for heavy smoke and flames at 270 Montreal Rd.

"The investigation has been transferred to the Ottawa Police arson unit," said fire spokesperson Danielle Cardinal. "In this case, our investigators weren't able to answer all of their own questions and had red flags occur which directs them to ask for the help of other agencies."

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FUNDING

Nation's scientists need support

Tamar Harris
For Metro | Ottawa

Canada's scientific community needs additional funding and innovative thinking to combat eroding research competitiveness, according to a report released Monday by Canada's Fundamental Science Review.

The report calls for $1.3 billion in funding to counter "flatlining of federal spending" and preferential funding in the recent past.

It also suggests that oversight and co-operation across government agencies are lacking. There are more than 35,000 federal government employees working in science and technology fields.

"Findings from the review will help our government continue to strengthen Canada's international standing in fundamental science and capacity to produce world-leading research that improves the lives of Canadians," Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan said in a statement.

Duncan launched the independent review last June. In the months since, a nine-person panel, headed by former University of Toronto president David Naylor, conducted online consultations and roundtables across the country.

"We feel the final report offers hope and scope for improving the role of scientists within the federal government as well," the president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), Debi Daviau, in a statement.

The report proposed the creation of a National Advisory Council on Research and Innovation, composed of 12 to 15 members that would advise ministers and the Prime Minister's Office.

The report also identified the difficulties getting and keeping jobs in science.

One unnamed researcher at the Université de Montreal compared it to trying to make the National Hockey League.

"Nothing is impossible but the chances of making a real career out of it are slim," he told the panel. So the report recommends dedicated funding for researchers early in their careers.

Duncan said she would review the recommendations as her ministry "collectively (works) toward the goal of ensuring that federal support for fundamental research is strategic and effective."

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‘Terrible mistakes of the past’ must not be repeated: Trudeau

POLITICS

PM condemns Bashar Assad’s government on solemn trip

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in France for two days of overseas commemorations for Canadian soldiers killed in the two world wars, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and Canada’s role in D-Day on June 6, 1944.

“The men who fought in 1944 were carrying the legacy of those who risked their lives at Vimy Ridge in 1917,” Trudeau said after walking the beach with his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau and their son Xavier.

But there was no escaping the here and now, with the attack in Syria still fresh on everyone’s mind. And the irony wasn’t lost on Trudeau.

Bashar Assad’s days as president of Syria are numbered, Trudeau suggested Monday as more hostile talk from international powers continued to amplify the threat of a military escalation in the Middle East.

The way forward in Syria can’t include Assad, whose recent chemical attack against his own people were abetted by countries that have allowed him to remain in power, Trudeau said.

“There is no question that anyone who is guilty of the types of war crimes against innocents, against children, that Assad and his regime are needs to be held to account,” he said during a visit to Juno Beach to commemorate Canada’s Second World War dead. “We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace and stability in Syria that does not involve Bashar al-Assad.”

Trudeau was, however, noncommittal when it came to the question of how to remove Assad from power, and whether Russia should be punished for supporting him. Canada remains open to imposing new sanctions against Russia in concert with its allies, he said, but Russia must also be part of the solution for bringing peace to Syria.

“Countries that have been supportive of the Assad regime bear some of the responsibility for the chemical attacks on innocents,” he said.

“And those countries must also be part of the solution as we hold the Assad regime to account.”

The U.S. fired 59 cruise missiles at a Syrian airfield last week in retaliation for the chemical attack, sparking tough talk and warnings from all sides.

The degree of hostility intensified on multiple fronts between the U.S. and its allies, versus Assad and his backers Iran and Russia. The U.S. said it has evidence Russia’s military helped cover up the use of chemical weapons.

Trudeau left no doubt that he considered Assad’s government responsible for last week’s chemical attack, which killed more than 80 people, including many children, in the Syrian province of Idlib. Russia and Iran were also at least partly to blame, he added, because of their support for Assad’s murderous regime.

Asked whether he feared the world was on the verge of a new war, Trudeau said the international community needed to come together and address its challenges.

“The raging civil war in Syria, the violent conflicts around the world require an international community that pulls together, that holds each other to account and that strives everyday not to repeat the terrible mistakes of the past.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and their son Xavier look at the headstone of a member of Gregoire-Trudeau’s family, who was killed during WWI, as they visit the Canadian Military Cemetery of Beny-sur-Mer, France on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

AUCTION

A masters jacket mystery

The mystery surrounding an authentic green jacket from Augusta National Golf Club that was once bought for C$5 at a Toronto thrift store likely stoked the enthusiasm of collectors and drove its sale at auction for more than US$139,000, the auction house said Monday.

Green Jacket Auctions said the distinctive sport coat worn by members of the famed Georgia club and presented each year to the Masters winner was sold Saturday, a day before the final round of this year’s tournament. The club has confirmed its authenticity. Ryan Carey, who co-owns the auction house, said it was purchased in 1994 at a Goodwill store in Toronto, though he couldn’t say which location.

The jacket — from which the original owner’s name has been cut out — apparently escaped the store’s notice, but the man who bought it “knew exactly what it was,” Carey said, adding the discovery made headlines at the time. That man, who Carey said was a member of the Canadian media, sold it shortly afterwards to a golf journalist in the United Kingdom “for a very reasonable amount of money,” he said. The British journalist held on to it until it was put up for auction over the weekend, he said.

“We’ve been begging the guy to sell it for years because we knew the story was so intriguing,” Carey said.

The auction house has sold several similar jackets over the years, with jackets from club members usually going for about $20,000 or less, he said.

“We did not expect it to be several hundred per cent of the traditional value of a member’s green jacket but the story’s quite compelling, the mystery surrounding the jacket — I mean, it could be a champion’s green jacket, we just don’t know,” he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROTEST

‘This is our ulcer deterrent’: Grannies still raging against injustice

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

If you’re looking for the Raging Grannies, follow their trail of technicolour feathers.

Plumes from their boas were scattered around the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on the weekend as the self-proclaimed “gaggle” of older women from Victoria, BC touched down in Winnipeg. An exhibit celebrating their 30 years of activism was unveiled at the museum Friday.

From fighting against nuclear weapons and for Indigenous rights, to staging protests over pipeline development and a “cryin” over health care cuts, the Raging Grannies’ Victoria chapter sparked a satirical movement that’s spanned the continent.

Their funny, musical brand of activism has caught on across North America, as more than 100 similar groups “sprang up like mushrooms,” according to Alison Acker, 88.

“I think rage is therapeutic,” Acker said. “I would feel much worse if I was just sitting at home worrying about what was at stake in the world and not doing anything about it.”

“This is our ulcer deterrent,” added Anne Moon, 75.

Retired journalists Acker and Moon flew in with Freda Knott, an 81-year-old former teacher; Patty Moss, a 66-year-old former librarian; and Lois Cates, a 63-year-old who worked in community development.

Being retired offers the Raging Grannies more time to pursue social justice and plan acts of civil disobedience. They meet weekly, perform monthly in downtown Victoria and are often in the media, having recently been dubbed “the Raging Fannies,” Moon said, after a skinny-dipping stint protesting the Kinder Morgan pipeline.

While activism is trending worldwide these days, often thanks to social media movements, the Grannies said they aren’t worried about protest movements becoming commercial — even after the infamous Pepsi commercial released last week.

“9/11 made people, I think, afraid to protest. But I think the recent developments in the U.S. are encouraging those reluctant protesters to emerge,” Moon said.

Thirty years from now, the Raging Grannies expect their mandate will be largely the same, fighting for “a better world for all grandchildren,” Knott said.

“Protesting does work and it also inspires other people,” Acker said. “And if young people especially are protesting and aren’t quite sure what they’re doing and why, having Raging Grannies (around) gives them a sense of safety and encouragement: ‘If they can do it, well what the hell are we doing sitting on our fannies?’”

“You’re not required to finish the work, but you are required to start it,” Cates said.

Members of the Raging Grannies’ inaugural Victoria, B.C., chapter at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
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Re-accommodation, United style

CHICAGO

Uproar after man is forcibly removed from packed flight

Video of police officers dragging a passenger from an overbooked United Airlines flight sparked an uproar Monday on social media, and a spokesman for the airline insisted that employees had no choice but to contact authorities to remove the man.

As the flight waited to depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, officers could be seen grabbing the screaming man from a window seat, pulling him across the armrest and dragging him down the aisle by his arms. United was trying to make room for four employees of a partner airline on the Sunday evening flight to Louisville, Kentucky.

Other passengers on Flight 3411 are heard saying, "Please, my God," "What are you doing?" "This is wrong," "Look at what you did to him" and "Busted his lip."

Passenger Audra D. Bridges posted the video on Facebook.

Police were called to remove a passenger from a United Airlines flight in Chicago. The incident sparked an uproar. CONTRIBUTED

Her husband, Tyler Bridges, said United offered $400 and then $800 vouchers and a hotel stay for volunteers to give up their seats. When no one volunteered, a United manager came on the plane and announced that passengers would be chosen at random.

"We almost felt like we were being taken hostage," Tyler Bridges said. "We were stuck there. You can't do anything as a traveller. You're relying on the airline."

When airline employees named four customers who had to leave the plane, three of them did so. The fourth person refused to move, and police were called, United spokesman Charlie Hobart said.

"We followed the right procedures," Hobart told the Associated Press in a phone interview. "That plane had to depart. We wanted to get our customers to their destinations."

Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines' parent company, described the event as "upsetting" and apologized for "having to re-accommodate these customers." He said the airline was conducting a review and reaching out to the passenger to "further address and resolve this situation."

The passenger told the manager that he was a doctor who needed to see patients in the morning, Bridges said.

"He was kind of saying that he was being singled out because he's a Chinese man" when speaking to the manager, who was African-American, Bridges said.

"You should know what this is like," the man said, according to Bridges.

The AP was unable to confirm the passenger's identity.

Two officers tried to reason with the man before a third came aboard and pointed at the man "basically saying, 'Sir, you have to get off the plane,'" Bridges said. That's when the altercation happened.

One officer involved has been placed on leave, the Chicago Aviation Department said Monday.

After the passenger was removed, the four airline employees boarded the plane.

"People on the plane were letting them have it," Bridges said. "They were saying, 'You should be ashamed to work for this company.'"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa to address airline bumping in new bill

Canada will introduce new legislation this spring that will address the problem of travellers being bumped from flights, the federal government said Monday, as the violent dragging of a passenger off an overbooked flight in the U.S. unleashed anger over the practice.

A spokesman for Transport Minister Marc Garneau said bumping rules will be included in an air passenger bill of rights that was promised last fall to establish clear, minimum requirements for compensation when flights are oversold or luggage lost.

Marc Roy declined, however, to say if the legislation would set industry-wide standards or raise compensation to levels offered in the United States or Europe.

> If for any reason the airline tells you you need to leave, you have to leave. Gabor Lukacs

Garneau would not comment directly on the incident aboard a United Airlines flight Sunday in Chicago, where police officers were seen on video grabbing a man from his seat and dragging him down the aisle. He said he did not know whether a passenger in Canada can be forcibly removed from a flight because of overbooking.

Passenger rights advocate Gabor Lukacs said the "troubling" video highlights the need for greater consumer protection.

"Sadly, people realize what bumping actually means only when an incident so extreme happens," he said.

Lukacs said all airlines should be required to conform to the same compensation limits, with thresholds rising to a maximum of $1,500, in line with the U.S.

In 2013, Lukacs won a Canadian Transportation Agency case against Air Canada over the issue of bumping that required the airline to raise compensation to a maximum of $800 depending on the length of delay.

Passengers are usually only removed forcibly from flights if they are intoxicated or deemed to be a threat. However, Lukacs said airline staff can legally use their power to bar passengers.

"If for any reason the airline tells you you need to leave, you have to leave," he said. "You don't get a choice, you cannot argue about whether you have to leave or not because it is their aircraft." He said airlines overbook flights as a hedge against people not showing up. Air Canada said bumping is rare.

"We appreciate this is inconvenient for customers and we do take a very conservative approach to avoid this situation arising and when it does, we pay significant compensation," spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fight for your right to flights

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

As the summer travel season approaches, Metro breaks down your rights when it comes to air travel.

Overbooked and bumped from your plane

Whether you volunteer or are voluntold to get off a flight you've paid for, the airline owes you compensation, air passenger advocate Gabor Lukacs told Metro. "They also have to rebook you on the next flight, including on flights of other airlines if they don't have flights of their own," Lukacs said.

How much you're entitled to is stated in the airline's "tariff" which outlines its contractual obligations to passengers. Air Canada's tariff, for example, says in the case of overbooking the airline will ask for volunteers to rebook in exchange for compensation. How much is at their discretion. If no volunteers are found, someone will be selected.

Luggage lost or damaged

Under the Montreal Convention you're again entitled to some reimbursement for lost or damaged luggage when travelling internationally, said Lukacs. Domestically it falls to individual airline tariffs but all the major Canadian airlines have language on this. It can be hard to make sense of the fine print.

SAN BERNARDINO

Apparent murder-suicide at school kills two adults, one student

A husband opened fire on his wife Monday in a San Bernardino elementary school classroom, killing her and a student in a murder-suicide that spread panic across a city still recovering emotionally from a terrorist attack at a community centre just 15 months ago.

The shooter also died, and a second student was critically wounded at North Park School.

"The children we do not believe were targeted," police Capt. Ron Maass told reporters.

The gunman was identified as 53-year-old Cedric Anderson, of Riverside, who shot his wife, Elaine Smith, also 53. She was a teacher in the special-needs classroom for students in first through fourth grades.

Anderson said nothing as he began firing a large-calibre revolver, according to police. Both of the children who were hit were standing behind Smith. An 8-year-old later died. The other student was hospitalized in stable condition.

The gunman had a history of weapons, domestic violence and possible drug charges that predated the marriage, which lasted only a few months, authorities said.

The boy who died was identified as Jonathan Martinez. Authorities did not name the other boy who was wounded.

The 600 other students at the school were bused to safety at California State University's San Bernardino campus, several miles away.

As word of the shooting spread, panicked parents raced to the school, some in tears, some praying as they anxiously sought information about their children. They were told to go to a nearby high school where they would be reunited.

Four hours later, the children began to arrive at the high school, getting hugs from emotional parents. As the students got off the buses, many of them carrying glow sticks they had been given to pass the time with, police officers applauded and high-fived them.

When the buses first pulled away, some parents ran alongside, waving and trying to recognize their children inside. Many said their children were too young to have cellphones. Others said the phones rang unanswered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students and parents are reunited after the shooting.
GETTY IMAGES

Free tuition, with a catch

EDUCATION

Students must stay in New York after graduation

There's a big string attached to New York's free middle-class college tuition initiative: Students must stay in the state after graduation or else pay back the benefit.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday that the requirement was added to protect the state's investment in a student's education by ensuring they don't take advantage of free tuition and then leave New York.

The tuition initiative, which Cuomo said is a national model, covers state college or university tuition for in-state students from families earning $125,000 or less. Students must remain in New York for as many years as they received the benefit. They must repay the money as a loan if they take a job in another state.

"Why should New Yorkers pay for your college education and then you pick up and you move to California?" Cuomo said during a call with state editorial writers. "The concept of investing in you and your education is that you're going to stay here and be an asset to the state. If you don't want to stay here, then go to California now, let them pay for your college education."

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signs legislation for free college tuition Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students at University at Albany, part of the state university system, aren't so sure.

Cumorah Reed, a 19-year-old English major, said certain technology jobs are concentrated on the West Coast and many of her classmates will be surprised to learn they will not be able to apply for those positions immediately after graduation. "I think it's going to be harder than people think," Reed said.

Ashley Mendez, 18, a journalism and communications major, said the proposal is a fair compromise because many residents will stay anyway.

"I'm a New Yorker. I wouldn't leave the state for anything," Mendez said.

Sara Goldrick-Rab, a professor of higher education at Temple University, said the requirement undercuts the promise of free tuition and could deliver a nasty shock to students who fail to read the fine print or who take the money believing they will stay in New York only to find better job opportunities elsewhere.

"It's absolutely bait-and-switch," she said. "You entice people with something they really, really need and then you penalize them if they can't find a decent job and have to leave."

Students who receive free tuition and then leave the state for an advanced degree won't have to pay the money back assuming they return to New York once they complete their graduate studies.

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BOMBARDIER

Executive pay hikes delayed

After facing nearly two weeks of criticism, Bombardier said Monday that its board of directors approved changes to the compensation offered to several of its top executives.

CEO Alain Bellemare had asked the board to delay payment of more than half of last year's total planned compensation for six executive officers, including himself, by one year to 2020, provided the company meets certain objectives.

Executive chairman Pierre Beaudoin also asked the board to cut his 2016 compensation by $1.4 million US to equal the $3.85 million US he received in 2015.

Bombardier has been at the centre of weekend protests over the compensation awarded to its senior executives.

Had the changes not been approved by the board Monday, the executive compensation for 2016 would've been nearly 50 per cent more than what it would've been the previous year.

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Business digest

Help those hurt by free trade, global groups say

The world isn't doing enough to help workers and communities damaged by free trade, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization say.

The three multinational groups repeated their long-standing view that free trade spreads broad economic benefits. But they admit that those who lose out in global competition can be hit harder and suffer longer than previously understood.

The organizations want countries to make it easier for people to switch careers or move where jobs are and in some cases to provide insurance for lost wages.

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REAL ESTATE

Number of homes being built highest since 2007

The number of new homes that began construction in Canada last month hit their highest level since September 2007, the latest sign of a boom in the housing market that many fear is overheating.

The seasonally adjusted annual rate of housing starts for March came in at 253,720 units, up from 214,253 in February, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Monday.

Economists had expected a reading of 215,000 for last month, according to Thomson Reuters.

In Toronto, where concerns of a housing bubble are most pronounced, the annual pace of housing starts was 53,021, up from 36,389 the month before.

"The supply response in Toronto is particularly welcome, given the white-hot pace of price growth and dearth of inventory on the market," said TD Bank senior economist Michael Dolega in a research note.

"The completion of these units should help take some steam out of Toronto's home price growth, although this won't happen overnight and is likely a story for next year and beyond."

The gain in national housing starts helped push CMHC's trend measure, a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rate, to 211,342 units in March, up from 205,521 in February.

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What lies beneath

Skylines often provide the shorthand for a city, but the ground beneath the buildings is fertile territory too. There's useful and livable space beneath us, and with space at a premium on the surface, sometimes the solution is to dig down. **These cities are putting more than pipes underground.**

AP PHOTO

Play: Projected to open in 2021, New York is working to convert a disused underground trolley terminal on the Lower East Side of Manhattan into a park. Using fibre-optic technology to create light sources underground, the developers hope to create a sprawling space with greenery, fountains, and spots to hang out, do yoga, play and engage.

VIMEO/GIKEN

Park: In city where 14 per cent of commuters are cyclists and in a country where 78 per cent of households have a bike, Tokyo needs somewhere to put all those two-wheelers. Enter Eco Cycle, an elevator that whisks bikes from the street to vertical parking silos under the city streets. As an added bonus, the bikes are protected from the elements and would-be thieves.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Shop: Winter — you don't want to go through it, you can't get around it, so Canadians go under it. Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg are among the cities that boast vast subterranean path systems to link urbanites to shops, office towers and transit stations without ever needing to step foot in a pile of slushy city snow.

FLICKR/ZERO CARBON FOOD

Farm: The heart of London doesn't leave much room for farmers' fields. But when chefs want to get their hands on locally grown produce, they can dig deep — 33 metres deep — to Growing Underground. Built in a WWII-era bomb shelter, the farm produces salad greens and herbs year-round using LED and hydroponic technology, all while reducing carbon emissions by keeping travel time down and reconnecting city dwellers to their food sources.

GETTY IMAGES

Thrive: With more than 5 million people on an island smaller than New York City, Singapore has ambitious plans to make space. Nanyang University has devoted an entire department to studying the feasibility of building under the city, and the government is investing millions of dollars to explore plans for everything from a research facility housing 4,200 scientists to moving utilities, like an oil cavern, underground.

WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains

It rarely pays to play when sports teams call for cash: Expert

Andrew Zimbalist CONTRIBUTED

With five Canadian teams in the NHL playoffs, there's lots to like for fans.

There's less to like on the business side. The Calgary Flames CEO threatened to "just move" if a $1.8-billion arena isn't built (with $1.3 billion from the city).

Does it ever make sense to subsidize sports?

We asked economist Andrew Zimbalist, author of Circus Maximus and No Boston Olympics. He says the numbers often don't add up.

Emotional appeal

Subsidy boosters argue the team is part of the city's DNA, and brings intangible benefits; in other words, benefits are unknown.

Zimbalist says emotional arguments to subsidize the team can be made, but don't substitute for a business case. "If you're concerned at a social or cultural level, then I would say you have to think about subsidies. But don't think about subsidies because of an economic impact."

The local economy

Zimbalist says the argument that sports is a boon to city coffers is overblown. Research shows entertainment dollars are still spent in the absence of a team. Also, sports aren't great at keeping financial activity in the city. Take the NHL: players are paid half of revenues, but most of that is taxed federally, or saved and invested globally. Taking the family to a nice restaurant is a more sound investment in the local economy.

Be specific

Zimbalist doesn't oppose all sports subsidies. He says stadiums as redevelopment catalysts can make sense, pointing to San Diego, Calif., and Brooklyn, N.Y. But those are the minority, and "the devil is in the details." He warns against subsidies by another name, like waiving property taxes, interest-free loans or introducing a special tax or fee to support the team.

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PUBLIC WORKS
The week in urbanism

RAY OF HOPE
Georgia wants to turn a stretch of rural highway into a living lab for creating the road of the future. Dubbed The Ray, the road already boasts solar-powered vehicle charges. More innovations on the way include pavement that works like a solar panel and native plants lining the roads to provide bee habitat.

MASTER OF DISASTER
Vancouver has hired a Chief Resilience Officer to help plan for natural disasters and tackle long-term problems like improving infrastructure and housing. The new office is armed with $1 million from the Rockefeller Foundation-funded non-profit 100 Resilient Cities. Toronto, Calgary and Montreal are also participants.

URBAN DICTIONARY

DEFINITION
Bunching is the frustrating phenomenon that sees two or more late buses arrive at once. (And stopping it involves chaos theory.)

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
My new jeans are **bunching** worse than the downtown bus at rush hour.

CITY CHAMP

Sophia Horwitz is the director of Co*Lab in Halifax. The agency programs public art shows, walking tours and other engaging activities to get communities talking and creating together. **@sophiahorwitz**

metro LIFE

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Levi's expands MLB collection to include a Blue Jays line for men and women

Removing the 911 fear factor

FENTANYL CRISIS

New act looks to protect those reporting an overdose

Genna Buck and Ryan Tumilty
Metro Canada

The good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, set to be debated by MPs on Tuesday, would offer legal protection to anyone phoning 911 for help at the scene of a drug overdose in a bid to remove the potentially fatal 'fear factor'. ISTOCK

It happens nearly every day, somewhere in Canada: A house party. Music blares. People use street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, heroin or pain pills.

Then someone collapses. Shaking them and shouting their name yields nothing.

It's an overdose, possibly of a deadly opioid like fentanyl. They need an ambulance. There's no time to lose.

And you, the bystander, are faced with a choice.

Do you call 911, potentially bringing the police down on your head? Do you call, but bolt before authorities arrive, leaving a critically ill person alone? Or do you try to cope on your own?

That decision may soon be a little easier.

MPs are gearing up for a debate Tuesday on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act. If passed, it will protect everyone at the scene of a drug overdose from being charged or convicted for certain drug-related offences if they call for help.

An earlier version of the private member's bill, giving protection from simple drug possession charges, passed the House unanimously in November.

It has since been amended by the Senate to include immunity from charges of violating bail conditions, conditional sentences, probation orders or parole conditions — if the person's original offence related to drug possession.

Liberal MP Ron McKinnon, who introduced the bill back in February 2016, is pleased about the amendments and says he's "crossing his fingers" the issue comes to a vote and the show of unity continues.

Just two years ago, the House of Commons was passing strict limits on harm-reduction centres where people can use drugs under supervision — a proven way to reduce overdose deaths.

But a lot has changed since then, and not just the party in power. Overdose deaths have skyrocketed and dangerous opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil have become ubiquitous.

Now, harm-reduction advocates are praising government's efforts.

Rob Boyd, director of the Oasis needle exchange program at Ottawa's Sandy Hill Community Health Centre said for some people, this change will matter a lot.

"When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason is fear of the police," he said. "They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs."

> **When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason is fear of the police. They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs.** Rob Boyd

Boyd said as drug use and overdoses become problems at raves, parties and even weddings, it's important for people to know they don't face legal prosecutions for calling, even if that's not realistically likely.

"Unfortunately, fear does motivate behaviour."

Though McKinnon cautioned this bill is only "one arrow in the quiver" of a much larger response to the opioid crisis, he's hopeful it will help prevent people from panicking and making bad choices when someone overdoses.

"This is not all about addicts, though it certainly would apply to them," he said. "But it also applies to kids and young adults who go to parties and take some unknown pill somebody gives them.

"Casual users sometimes find themselves in dire straits. They don't know how to deal, they're fearful of being arrested or charged. And they try to handle it on their own when time is of the essence."

He explained the bill would also benefit people are afraid of being caught violating an order, such as a conditional sentence.

"For people in those circumstances, there's more to their story than just hanging out in a place where people are using drugs. They too are leery about calling for help.

"We want them to make that call anyway. We can't help people if they're dead."

BODY IMAGE

Calgary company designing confidence

When people wear AJ Vaughn's designs, he wants them to be reminded it's okay to be who they are — whatever that might be.

Recently, Vaughn launched a website for Jay Heights, a local clothing label he founded with a focus on body positivity and giving back. He started the business after going through his own body image struggles in high school.

"People are judgemental, they're hard on each other. I wanted to start a movement to help people be more confident in themselves," the 20-year-old entrepreneur said.

He was always used to being the tallest kid on the playground, but as he grew older, Vaughn said his friends kept growing taller.

"(My friends) would tease me, they called me short and stuff like that," said Vaughn.

Even though he claims they were joking most of the time, the then-teenager took the comments to heart. He became "extremely" insecure about his height, even researching ways to make himself taller.

> **I was pretty unhappy with myself.** AJ Vaughn

"I was pretty unhappy with myself," Vaughn said.

As graduation got closer, he realized his height wasn't going to change — but his perspective could.

"I realized I can't complain for the rest of my life, because then I'd be unhappy," said Vaughn.

After high school, he took a small loan and started designing products that would "inspire confidence" in his customers.

"I want them to be reminded they're amazing in their own way, to feel comfortable in their own skin, and not worry about what others say," Vaughn said.

The positivity doesn't end there — a chunk of the profits from Jay Heights are donated to the Hope for the Homeless Foundation, a charity Vaughn founded which makes and delivers care-packages to Calgary's homeless population.

ELIZABETH CAMERON/METRO

AJ's clothing line, Jay Heights, is about body positivity and raising awareness on homelessness. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

HISTORY

THE YEAR FEMALE DISTANCE RUNNING WAS BORN This year's April 17 Boston Marathon will mark the 50th anniversary of Kathrine Switzer being the first "officially registered" woman to compete in the event (Bobbi Gibb participated unregistered, or as a "bandit," in the 1966-68 races). At the time, women were not allowed to enter the Boston Marathon. When race director John "Jock" Semple tried to physically remove her from the course, he was blocked by Switzer's burly boyfriend Tom Miller. The iconic images appeared in newspapers worldwide, and thus the era of female distance running was born. TORSAR NEWS SERVICE

Digest KYLIE, BOOKS, & BRITISH VOGUE

CELEBRITY

Kylie crashes prom

Kylie Jenner had never been to a high-school prom. Until last Saturday.

Certainly, no one from Rio Americano High School in Sacramento, Calif., anticipated that young graduate Albert Ochoa would show up with the 19-year-old Keeping Up With the Kardashians star on his arm.

To hear Ochoa's fellow teens tell the story, he had previously asked a fellow student to be his date and been rejected. He took to putting fliers up around the school, looking for a companion for the big event. Allegedly, someone working for Jenner saw the fliers on social media and set up the surprise date.

On Saturday night, just before prom was set to start, his family told him there was a family emergency, and surprised him with the arm of the young model/socialite. They soon walked into the prom — she wore a pink satin dress, slashed to the waist — and triggered a wave of disbelief and frantic social-media posting by his peers.

Ochoa even reportedly got a slow dance with the star in the bargain. TORSTAR

BOOKS

Figures author setting next book in Baltimore

The author of Hidden Figures is setting her next book around two prominent African-American households in mid-20th century Baltimore.

Viking said on Monday that it had a two-book deal with Margot Lee Shetterly that will continue her quest to tell of African-Americans who have been overlooked by historians. The first book doesn't yet have a title or release date.

The bestselling Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race was adapted into the Oscar-nominated movie of the same name. ASSOCIATED PRESS

FASHION

British Vogue gets new chief editor after 25 years

British Vogue's search for a new leader has come to an end with the naming of Edward Enninful as the magazine's new chief editor. He will be the first male editor of British Vogue when he takes over on Aug. 1.

Enninful, who had been the creative and fashion director at W magazine, has been an influential magazine fashion director for more than 20 years. He was born in Ghana and moved to London as a child.

Enninful received an OBE award last year for his work in fashion. Madonna, Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell and other fashion luminaries came to his party to mark the event. ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEALTH BRIEF

Nearly half of U.S. adults catching genital HPV, says study

Health officials say nearly half of U.S. adults have caught HPV, a sexually-transmitted bug that can cause cervical cancer.

About 45 per cent of Americans ages 18 to 59 had some form of genital human papillomavirus, according to the most complete look at how common HPV is among adults.

More concerning, about 25 per cent of men and 20 per cent of women had strains that carry a higher risk of cancer.

There are more than 150 HPV viruses. In most cases, HPV goes away on its own. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says said most sexually active people will get HPV. TORSTAR

Boutique eyewear stores focus on Canada

OPTOMETRY

Global retailers believe there is prescription for success

Boutique eyewear retailers from around the world have set sights on Canada as a hotbed for growth, hoping to capitalize on the country's aging population and what they say is its taste for haute couture.

Several companies including Hong Kong's Mujosh, U.S.-based Warby Parker, and Bailey Nelson of Australia have plans to open dozens of new stores over the next few years.

"Canadian people focus more and more on fashion trends, which makes Canada a promising market for us," said Mujosh spokesperson Doris Jin.

Mujosh, with more than 700 locations worldwide, opened its first Canadian store at West Edmonton Mall last month. It plans to add shops in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, Jin said.

Last year, Canadians spent about $4.2 billion on spectacles, which includes frames, lenses, sunglasses and ready-made reading glasses, according to research firm Euromonitor International. That's up from about $4.06 billion the previous year and roughly $3.84 billion in 2014. Euromonitor says it expects steady growth to continue in the near future.

Bailey Nelson, forced to close its seven Canadian stores last month after severing a licensee agreement, is coming back with two corporate-owned locations in Vancouver this spring, with plans to open one more there and two others in Toronto over the next year, said the company's managing director of North America, Bree Stanlake.

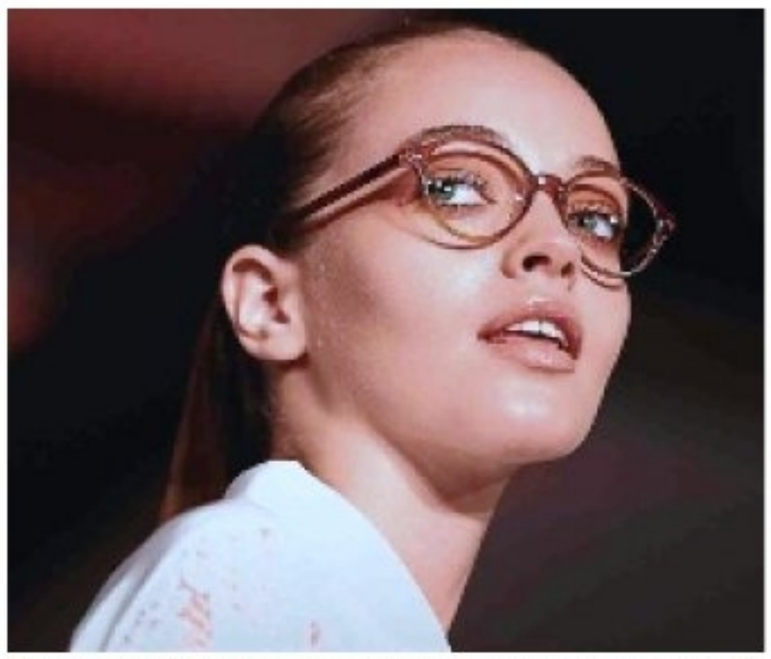
"Across Canada, I can see easily between 40 and 50 stores in the next four years," she said.

Last summer, Warby Parker chose Canada when it opened its first bricks-and-mortar store outside the U.S. It now has two Toronto locations. Not to be outdone, some Canadian boutique chains also have ambitious growth goals. Montreal-based Bonlook currently has eight locations, but is planning to have more than 40 stores by early 2020, said company spokeswoman Andreanne Ferland.

A rising older population and more screen time among younger generations has resulted in more people needing glasses in Canada, Euromonitor said in a report last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BAD VISION

- Vision problems are growing in Canada.
- One-quarter of our population is far-sighted, while 30 per cent have near-sightedness, Euromonitor International said.



Canada could soon see a huge rise in boutique eyewear retailers popping up across the country. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Why April has become the coolest month for TV

TELEVISION

Top shows mean spring no longer a rerun wasteland

Clockwise from left: Fargo season 3 star Olivia Sandoval, Bob Odenkirk, Giancarlo Esposito and Jonathan Banks of Better Call Saul, and Carrie Coon and Justin Theroux in The Leftovers.

It wasn't all that long ago that spring marked the tail end of TV series' seasonal lifespans.

In the network system, most shows wrapped up their annual runs in April and May, took the summer off, and premiered again in the fall to help people shake off the blunt force trauma of the end of vacation and a return to work and school.

But in the modern age, with producers relentlessly trying to entice viewers, there's no set agreed schedule.

That's to the benefit of consumers. With a constant stream of new, quality content, no longer do we have to sit through a wasteland of reruns and Battles of the Network Stars until autumn rolls around.

And right now, April is the very best month TV has to offer.

If you're a sports fan, this month of TV is shaping up quite beautifully in a way it hasn't in years.

The NHL's Maple Leafs have secured a playoff berth for the first time since 2013; the NBA's Raptors have already secured a playoff spot, and both baseball's Blue Jays and soccer's Toronto Football Club are kicking off their seasons after successful campaigns last year.

However, the behemoth April TV has become is about much more than sports. Viewers have first-rate dramas premiering every week this month and there's something for everyone:

For starters, there are several critically-acclaimed series whose fans are cuticle-less in anticipation of the returns.

The first, **Better Call Saul (April 10, AMC)**, begins its third season and promises the sad-but-inevitable moral disintegration of Bob Odenkirk's Jimmy McGill into Breaking Bad's infamously wormy Saul Goodman. The first two seasons of the show did terrific work at building Jimmy/Saul's backstory and humanizing him, but producers Vince Gilligan and Peter Gould are using these next 10 episodes to illustrate his downfall and slick-slide into villainous territory.

Oh, and the iconic monster known as Gus Fring — last seen (spoiler alert!) blowing up real good in a nursing home in Breaking Bad's fourth season — will make an appearance. Better Call Saul is a fantastic companion story to the masterful one first told, and it's more than worth catching up on the first 20 episodes before this season.

Nine days later, another phenomenal series returns for its third season: **Fargo (April 19, FX)**, which won a slew of primetime Emmy Awards and Golden Globes in its first season, and received rave reviews with an entirely different cast last year.

Filmed in Calgary, the anthology — based on the Coen Bros.' 1996 movie — will feature new cast members this year, including Ewan McGregor in two roles, and co-stars including Carrie Coon (Gone Girl). Showrunner Noah Hawley has been rightfully praised for taking the Coens' movie and using it to create something entirely new and fascinating, and this season should be equally compelling.

The outstanding Coon also has a starring role in **The Leftovers (April 16, HBO Canada)**, returning for a third and final season. Produced by Lost co-creator Damon Lindelof, the show is as mysterious and bleak as TV gets, and its stellar cast (including Justin Theroux, Liv Tyler and Christopher Eccleston) makes the plot a continuing revelation.

If that isn't enough, April also sees the eighth season of the hilarious animated **Archer (April 5, FXX)**; the sixth season of **Veep (HBO, April 16)**; another edition of **Doctor Who (April 15, Space)** — Peter Capaldi's final season — and premieres of much-anticipated new series, including Idris Elba vehicle **Guerrilla (April 16, CraveTV)**.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Madonna performs at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto during her Rebel Heart Tour. TORSTAR

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Madonna teeters close to novelty burlesque act

THE SHOW: Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour
THE MOMENT: The acrobats

Midway through this 2016 concert film, Madonna disappears to change her costume and, I imagine, rub Tiger Balm on her aching joints while chugging Gatorade. Meanwhile, her dancers shimmy up whip-like poles with T-bars at the top, where they stand, swaying.

Her recorded voice begins singing "Illuminati" ("Everybody in this party's shining like Illuminati"). The dancers push their poles, making circles in the air.

Swinging ever faster, the poles are soon bending in dizzying parabolic arcs. As the song builds, the dancers whiz back and forth, swiping top hats off dancers below, narrowly missing each other and the ground.

Oh, Madonna. On the one hand, your live performances may be your best legacy. This concert is a thrilling spectacle, each song a discreet experience, a miniature emotional arc. Your visuals are so textured and varied, they almost — almost! — disguise the banality of your lyrics ("You know that everything that glitters ain't gold/So let the music take you out of control/It's time to feel it in your body and zzzzzzz").

On the other hand, your hanky-panky is getting creaky. You still think the f-bomb is super-naughty. Like your pole dancers, you're teetering dangerously — but toward a novelty burlesque act, a 60-something granny flashing her pasties at her ever-younger troupe.

I wish that instead of clinging to old notions of "hotness," you had showed us a new way forward, embracing that 55 is not 35, and shouldn't be.

Your light show is cutting edge. But your attitude — "Look how young I still appear!" — is the opposite of evolved.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

PODCAST

Jian Ghomeshi podcast fuels backlash

About a year after being acquitted of sexual assault charges that destroyed a celebrated broadcasting career, former CBC personality Jian Ghomeshi resurfaced online Monday with a new music and podcast series.

The one-time media star announced a venture called The Ideation Project on Twitter, described on the website as "a creative adventure with the aim of taking a bigger-picture view on newsworthy issues and culture." Future content will cover "a variety of topics from politics to philosophy to pop culture and the human condition."

Reminiscent of the short essays that would kick off Ghomeshi's hosting gig on CBC Radio's Q, the debut post features musings on immigration, globalization and race. The six-minute monologue called Exiles asks: "What does it mean to feel like you have no homeland?"

The site credits all words, original music, recording and production to Ghomeshi.

The social media reaction was largely negative within hours of the debut, and branding expert Martin Waxman said Ghomeshi would be wise to move slowly as he returns to the spotlight.

"I think he's probably smart to do this in a low-key way, to sort of test the waters and see what the reaction is," said Waxman, of the Toronto firm Martin Waxman Communications.

Ghomeshi's career crashed hard after he was fired from the CBC in October 2014. At the time, the public broadcaster said it saw "graphic evidence" he had caused a woman physical injury.

His image as an erudite social progressive unravelled as multiple allegations followed, culminating in a high-profile trial that revealed intimate details of his romantic life.

Ultimately, Ghomeshi was acquitted in March 2016 of four counts of sexual assault and one count of choking involving three complainants.

In May 2016, he apologized to a fourth complainant and signed a peace bond that saw a final count of sexual assault withdrawn.

Waxman said it's now up to the public to determine whether Ghomeshi can rebuild his career.

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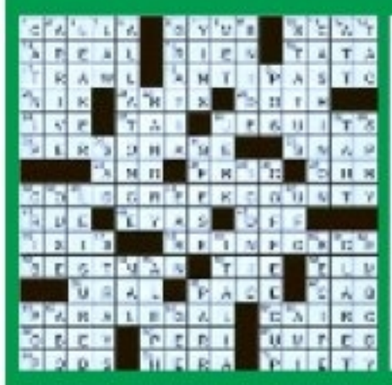

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Bayern Munich's Manuel Neuer is expected to return from a left-foot injury to face Real Madrid in Champions League action Wednesday

'Quality depth' gives Boucher options

NHL PLAYOFFS

Sens moulded with eye on post-season

Pierre Dorion always knew the Ottawa Senators were a playoff team.

Hired as Ottawa's GM after the franchise missed the NHL post-season last year, Dorion has seen a transformation of sorts this season. Under first-year head coach Guy Boucher, the Senators finished second in the Atlantic Division to cement a playoff berth.

Ottawa now faces the Boston Bruins in the post-season for the first time in club history. But when the Senators open the series Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire Centre, they'll have home-ice advantage to start a series for the first time since 2007 when they reached the Stanley Cup final.

"It was a year ago today that I felt this team was a playoff team," said Dorion, who was hired April 10, 2016. "We're in the playoffs, time to make some noise.

"Where we've gone from a year ago to now, we're headed in the right direction."

Ottawa was 4-0 against Boston this year but that means nothing to Dorion.

"We're going to have to be at our best to have any chance to win the series," said Dorion. "They've got players who've won the Cup on that team.

"I think changing their coach gave them a spark."

Bruce Cassidy leads Boston into the playoffs after taking over as coach in February when Claude Julien was fired.

Craig Anderson and the Senators won all four meetings this season with Brad Marchand and the Bruins. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

For the first time this season, all of Ottawa's forwards are healthy and available. With 15 players at his disposal, Boucher has some tough decisions to make.

"I know (Mark) Stone will be in the top 12," said Boucher. "It's going to be a tough choice and I'm really happy.

"Depth is one thing, but quality depth is another and we feel that we've got quality depth now."

> **You want guys that have gone through the grind of the playoffs.**
> Pierre Dorion

It would appear veteran Chris Neil, who played Sunday for the first time since Feb. 26, is an obvious choice. It could then come down to Ryan Dzingel, Tommy Wingels and Chris Kelly.

It's unlikely Kelly would be a healthy scratch. He's played in 90 career playoff games — winning a Stanley Cup with Boston in 2011 — and was signed for his experience and leadership.

Defenceman Erik Karlsson will return after missing the last three regular-season games with a lower-body injury, Dorion said Methot, who hasn't played since March 23 due to a finger injury, has a very good chance of being ready Wednesday.

Ottawa has won one playoff round in nine years and missed the post-season four times. Subsequently, the club added a number of veteran players with playoff experience.

Derick Brassard and Kelly were acquired in the off-season, while Alex Burrows, Viktor Stalberg and Tommy Wingels all arrived prior to the trade deadline. All have played 40 or more playoff games.

"We all know experience means something, all those guys had experience," Dorion said.

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NHL

McDavid pockets Art Ross Trophy

Connor McDavid is the third-youngest player to win the Art Ross Trophy after he led the NHL in scoring with 100 points.

McDavid turned 20 in January, and only Sidney Crosby and Wayne Gretzky were younger Art Ross winners. McDavid had 30 goals and 70 assists in his second season to finish with 11 more points than second-place Crosby and lead the Edmonton Oilers to their first playoff appearance since 2006.

Crosby, captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins, won his second Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy by leading the league with 44 goals.

Braden Holtby of the Washington Capitals won the William M. Jennings Trophy as the goaltender who allows the fewest goals. The Capitals allowed a league-low 182 goals, 13 fewer than the Columbus Blue Jackets.

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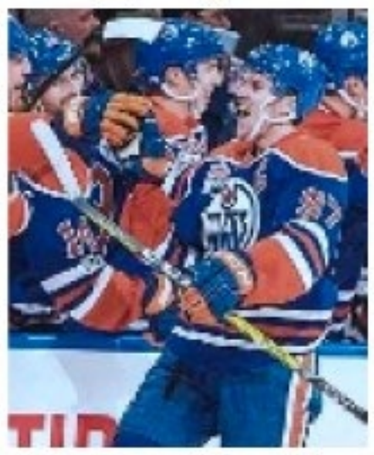

Connor McDavid got to the 100-point plateau with a pair of assists in the Oilers' final regular-season game on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WORLD CUP

Canada would likely gain entry as co-host

Canada and Mexico will only get a slice of soccer's biggest prize if the joint North American bid for the 2026 World Cup is successful.

The proposed blueprint calls for 60 of the 80 games in the new expanded tournament format to be held in the U.S. with 10 going to Canada and 10 to Mexico.

"The final decisions on those things are up to FIFA. It's their tournament. But that will be our proposal and that is our agreement together," U.S. soccer president Sunil Gulati told a news conference atop the Freedom Tower in lower Manhattan.

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Canada is currently ranked No. 109 in the world. Mexico is No. 16 and the U.S. are No. 23.

The good news for Canada, which has qualified just once for the men's World Cup is the push to maintain the tradition of having the tournament host(s) automatically qualify.

The three-nation bid was officially launched on Monday.

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The Senators have a full group, which includes Clarke MacArthur. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defying odds all season long

Prediction: Senators in seven.

Why: The Sens have defied the odds all season long and while far from a sure thing, they're the pick in a close series that could probably go either way.

Ottawa has adopted and somehow succeeded under Guy Boucher's strict defensive posture. Goaltending plays a big part in that and Craig Anderson will need to remain in fine form following a stellar regular season.

The Bruins are probably the better team, scoring in bunches under interim coach Bruce Cassidy, while boasting league-best puck possession numbers, a top-ranked penalty kill, and a top-10 power play. Ottawa, conversely, had bottom-10 special teams and finished 22nd in possession. But the Sens won all four meetings this season and they've beaten back projections of doom at every point.

The Bruins also have real injury concerns with unheralded rookie Brandon Carlo out for Game 1 and Torey Krug's availability uncertain.

The Sens look like they'll have a full group, meanwhile, after a number of late-season ailments. Depth additions at the trade deadline don't hurt either, nor does the unexpected return of Clarke MacArthur.

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IN BRIEF

Canucks fire Desjardins

The Vancouver Canucks have fired head coach Willie Desjardins after a miserable 2016-17 season.

The team announced the move Monday, less than 24 hours after losing its eighth straight game in regulation. The Canucks finished 29th in the NHL's overall standings.

In three seasons with Vancouver, Desjardins compiled a 109-110-27 record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Verlander, Tigers get the better of Sale and Red Sox

Justin Verlander and Chris Sale dominated in a matchup of ace pitchers before Nicholas Castellanos singled in the go-ahead run off Sale in the eighth inning, lifting the Detroit Tigers over the Boston Red Sox 2-1 on Monday.

Verlander gave up an unearned run, three hits and two walks while striking out four over seven innings.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Spring-fresh Roasted Asparagus with Tomatoes and Bacon

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The roasted flavour on the vegetables coupled with bacon will make this easy side dish your entrée's new best friend.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 large bunches of asparagus (500g)
- 1-2 Tbsp of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 4 pieces of smoked (streaky) bacon, diced
- handful of cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup of dry white wine
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400. Snap the ends of the asparagus — it'll always break where the woody bit ends, so you won't end up eating tough, stringy stems — and keep the ends with the tips. In a roasting pan, add the asparagus and the rest of the ingredients.

2. Toss it all together with your hands, squeezing the tomatoes slightly to get the juice out.

3. Bake for around 15-20 minutes, until the asparagus starts to brown a little and is nice and tender.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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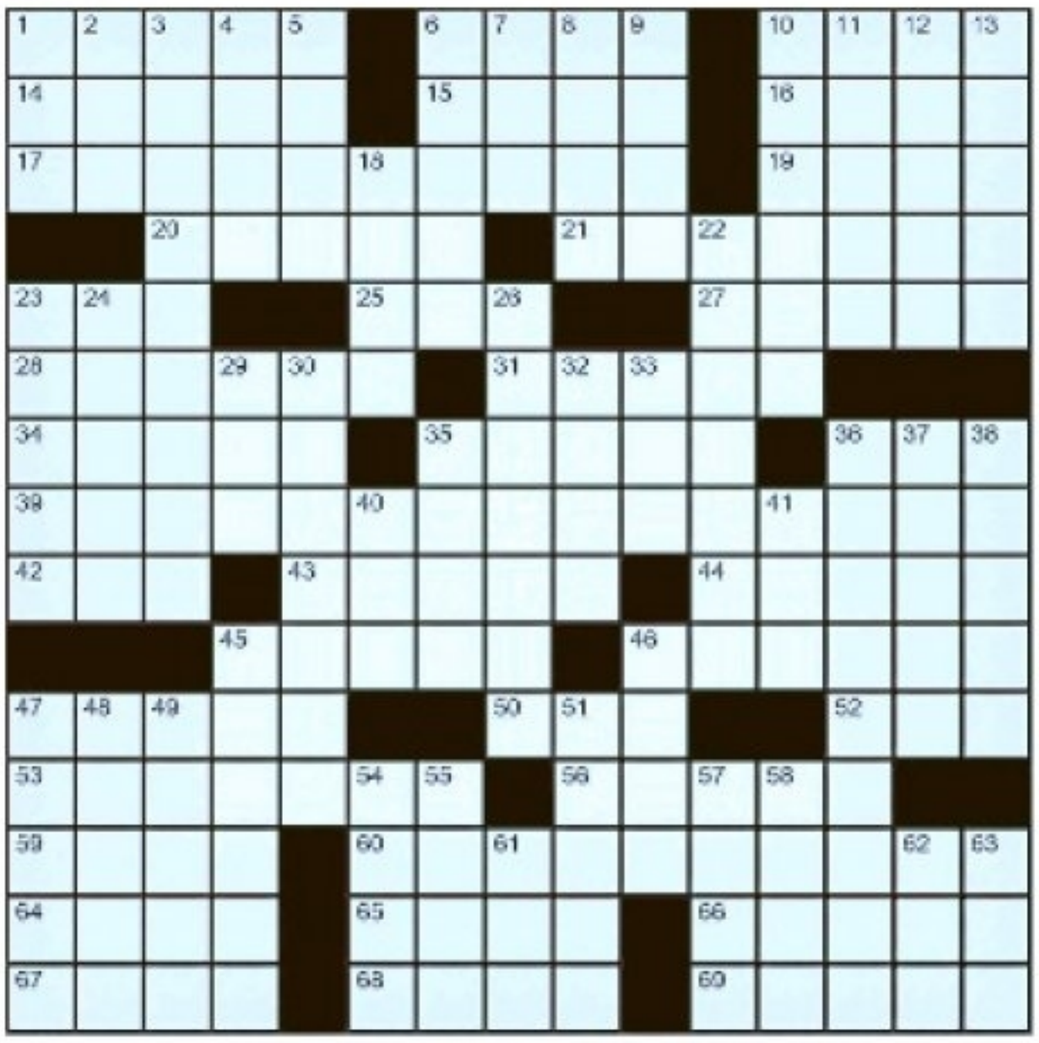

ACROSS
1. Ars Gratia _ (MGM's motto)
6. City's air problem
10. Small argument
14. _-screen technology
15. Woodstock emcee Mr. Gravy
16. Cogito _ sum (I think therefore I am)
17. Tuesday, April 11th, 2017... Big game at the Rogers Centre: 2 wds.
19. Particular horse coat
20. Donor's life-saving donation
21. 'Twilight' character played by Nikki Reed, _ Hale
23. 'S' of RSVP
25. Beer barrel
27. Topple
28. Penguin of Antarctica
31. Mr. Fiennes of flicks
34. Broaden
35. Southern Alberta town
36. Seasonal ailment
39. Competition for the Milwaukee Brewers at #17-Across: 3 wds.
42. 1913 tune: "Peg _' _ Heart"
43. 1998 Edwin McCain song: 2 wds.
44. Tuesday, in Montreal
45. Every seven days, _ _ week
46. Rats and cockroaches, to a homeowner
47. Christopher Plummer film role, Captain _ von Trapp
50. Slimy stuff
52. Droop
53. Celebrity chef Emeril
56. Braid
59. Egyptian sun god, variantly
60. 1B to 3B in baseball
64. Movie director, Nicolas _
65. Shakespeare's river
66. Double and Triple in baseball
67. 'Susp' suffix
68. Ancient harp
69. Vehicle variety

DOWN
1. Baseball player, e.g.
2. Oz hopper
3. Way to undampen the clothes from the washing machine: 2 wds.
4. Reykjavik is its cap.
5. "Away ants!"
6. Ingrid Bergman, for one
7. "Rain _" (1988)
8. Completed
9. Roasted lamb sandwich
10. Winged/haloed being
11. Worker, informally
12. "Do It _" by Steely Dan
13. Fit
18. Nudge
22. Chocolate _ (Ice cream flavour)
23. Carried out a task, _ _ it
24. 'Burn the midnight oil', for example
26. Assortment/variety: 2 wds.
29. Mr. Sayer of songs
30. Baseball normally has nine
32. Having the means
33. Bucharest money
35. Lacquered metalware
36. Grange
37. Merle Oberon title role film of 1941
38. Putting into service
40. "No Scrubs" trio
41. _ of jam
45. Seville, for one
46. Mouse-like critter
47. TV screen problem
48. Toronto _ Centre
49. S-shaped mouldings
51. Express a thought
54. Earth crust's upper layer
55. Greenly admire
57. Snow-peaked mountains in Europe
58. Eric of "Monty Python's Flying Circus"
61. Favouring
62. Scandinavian rug
63. US tax ID

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Expect a surprise from a friend or partner today, because today is a bit of a crapshoot. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Things at work will be unpredictable. It's a classic day for staff shortages, computer crashes, cancelled meetings and mixed-up communications. Fasten your seatbelt!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant if you are a parent. It's also an unpredictable day for social occasions and romantic get-togethers. Expect delays and cancellations.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Small appliances might break down at home today or minor breakages could occur. Something unusual will change your home routine.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Later in the day, you might want to do some long-term planning.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep an eye on your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is an up-and-down day for you. The only thing you can do is go with the flow. Be flexible when it comes to your ever-changing schedule.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel restless today. That's OK, because this is a restless day. Ironically, it eventually will settle into a practical, solid routine.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend will surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet someone new today who is a real character. At least, it's not a boring day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Go gently during important discussions with parents and bosses today, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Think before you react. Be aware and mindful.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans are unpredictable today. You might suddenly have to travel for unexpected reasons, or planned travel might be interrupted or cancelled.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Double-check all details pertaining to shared property, banking, taxes and debt today, because something is awry. Make sure you know what's going on.

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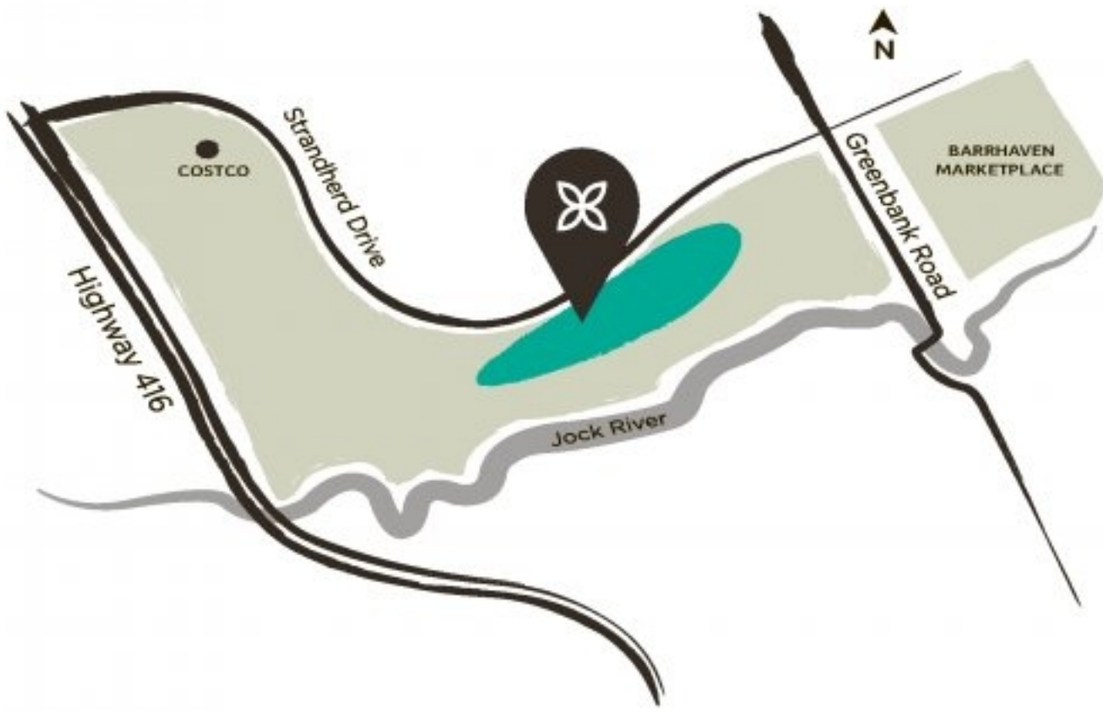

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